

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 94-248-C - ORDER NO. 95-1430 ✓  
AUGUST 11, 1995

IN RE: Request of Business Telecommunications,     ) ORDER  
      Inc. for Revisions to its SC Tariff to        ) CONTINUING  
      Introduce Pre-Paid Calling Service as        ) BOND  
      a New Offering.                                 ) REQUIREMENT

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the annual review of the bond requirement related to issuance of Pre-paid Calling Cards by Business Telecommunications, Inc. (BTI or the Company).

Order No. 94-546, dated June 8, 1994, granted BTI the authority to issue Pre-paid Calling Cards. At the same time, the Order required that BTI post a bond with the Commission by delivering to the Commission Certificates of Deposit, in the amount of \$5,000.00, and drawn in the name of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. The Order went on to state that after twelve (12) months from the date of the Order, that the Commission would review the Company's financial reports and reassess the requirement of BTI maintaining a bond. BTI subsequently filed a surety bond in lieu of \$5,000.00 in Certificates of Deposit.

A review of the financial data received from BTI does not convince this Commission that the bond requirement should be

revoked in this matter. The Commission believes that BTI has not shown that its finances warrant relinquishment of the bond requirement. For this reason, the Commission holds that the bond requirement is hereby renewed for an additional year period of time. We shall review the requirement again after twelve (12) months period. The Commission also notes with interest the requirement under Order No. 94-546 that the bond be delivered in the form of Certificates of Deposit. The Commission therefore feels that BTI should conform to the original Order of the Commission by filing \$5,000.00 in Certificates of Deposit with this Commission in lieu of the surety bond formerly filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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